

Youth Advisory Board Minutes
April, 7, 2011

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Deb Hammer, Charles Carey, Patty Tiberio, Wendi Johnson, Joe Bruno, Mike Hurley (Council Liaison), Nancy Stilwell (Staff)

Absent: Mike Verderame, Deb Hammer, Junito Mendez, Gretchen Schultz, Victoria Borkowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

New members Charles Carey and Wendi Johnson were introduced.

Minutes of March meeting were approved (motion by Joe Bruno, 2nd by Wendi Johnson). Approved unanimously.

Nancy Stilwell gave an update on Youth Services:

The Summer Youth Employment Program will be held this summer. ROPE will not be continued. The Department, along with Newington and Rocky Hill Youth Services, is applying for a CASAC grant for \$2500. This would allow the summer students involved in programs in the three towns to have a two day program on the Newington Challenge Course. For Wethersfield, it would involve the students in the Youth Employment Program.

Community of Concern is holding two events this spring. Joyce Walters, Health Director at Wesleyan University will present a program for parents at 7:00 pm on April 28th in the Town Council chambers. Two presentations of "I am Dirt" will be performed at WHS on May 17th (time TBA) .

Plans for Volunteer Recognition Night were discussed. We have a keynote speaker. Barbara will get paper goods. Nancy will order the cake and get the ingredients for punch. Postcard invitations will be mailed 4/8/11. YAB members agreed to visit area merchants and get raffle prizes. Nancy will send a letter tomorrow explaining the event that members can use when soliciting prizes. Members were asked to let Nancy know as prizes are gathered so we will have a master list.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM (Motion by Charles Carey, 2nd by Deb Hammer.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.
Director, Social and Youth Services